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NEGRO KILLED BY A MOB IN OHIO

Amid Revolver Shots and Yells of Delight, Black Murderer Yields Up His Life In Springfield, Ohio.

Passive Officers Allow Prisoner to Be Dragged From Cell By Executioners.

HE HAD KILLED POLICEMAN

After Death Body Is Strung to a Telegraph Pole and There Swayed to and Fro By Leaden Rain.

Springfield, Ohio, March 7.—Richard Dixon, the negro who fatally shot Policeman Charles Collins yesterday, was taken from the county jail at this place tonight by a mob of 800 men and shot to death in the jail yard. Later the body was hung to a telegraph pole and the mob riddled it with bullets from several hundred revolvers.

During the early part of the evening a crowd gathered and an attempt was made to gain entrance through the east door of the jail. An iron bar was removed and the door partly opened. The policemen on the inside promptly opened the door and pulled the two nearest men inside.

This ended all active attempts to break the door until nearly 11 o'clock. Shortly before this hour a diversion was made by a small crowd moving from the east around to the south entrance. The police followed and a bluff was made at jostling them. The crowd at this point kept growing while yells of "Hold the police," "Smash the door," "Lynch the nigger," were made. Interspersed with revolver shots. All this time persons with a heavy railroad iron were beating at the east door, which yielded to the battering ram. In an incredibly short time the jail was filled and seeing further resistance was useless and to avoid the killing of innocent persons, the authorities consented to the demand of the mob for the right man.

He was dragged from his cell to the jail door and thence down the stone steps to the paved court in the jail yard. Fearing an attempt on the part

of the police to rescue him, the leaders formed a hollow square. Some one knocked the negro to the ground and those near to him fell back for five feet.

Nine shots were fired into his prostrate body and the mob, satisfied he was dead, strung the body up to a telegraph pole. A fusillade then began and for 30 minutes the body was kept swaying back and forth from the force of the rain of bullets. Frequently an arm would fly up convulsively when a muscle was struck and the mob went fairly wild with delight. Throughout it all perfect good humor and good order was maintained and everyone seemed in the best of spirits.

There have been 11 murders in Clark county in the last two years, and in no instance has there been conviction in the first degree murder. This fact, more than any other, is responsible for the event of tonight, the first lynching in the history of the county.

BOOTH-TUCKER TO REMAIN.

Report Anent Head of Salvation Army Discredited.

New York, March 7.—Rumors that Commander Booth-Tucker will soon retire as head of the Salvation Army in America and be assigned to literary work in London are denied by minor officers at the organization headquarters in this city.

The commander is on a tour of inspection of the work in this country and will not return for two months. He will then go to London, accompanied by about 100 leading officers, to attend the international conference of the Salvation Army workers. This conference will keep the commander absent until August, and the discredited rumor is to the effect that he will then turn over his work in America to Colonel T. B. Coombs, now in charge of a territory in England.

Naval Bill Passes Senate.

Washington, March 7.—The senate today passed the naval appropriation bill, which has been before it for the past four or five days, and then took up the army bill. The principal question debated in connection with the naval bill related to the price and method of supplying armor plate for battleships and it grew out of the amendment, suggested by Patterson, providing for a government armor plant. He ultimately withdrew the amendment.

Will Not Try for Trophy.

Boston, Mass., March 7.—No effort will be made by American tennis players this year to recover the Davis international lawn tennis challenge trophy won last year by the Doherty brothers and now held by the English Lawn Tennis Association.

VICEROY ALEXIEFF HUMBLY REPORTS THAT JAPS ARE STILL BUSY

Attack of Five Vessels Out of Squadron of Seven—Open Fire on Vladivostok and Surrounding Territory But Damage to Russians Is Trivial.

Fortress Does Not Reply to Fire, Which Results in One Seaman Being Wounded and One Woman Killed—Fleet Returns After Sailing Southward, and Unconfirmed Report Has It That Another Bombardment Is In Progress.

St. Petersburg, March 7.—Viceroy Alexieff has telegraphed to the czar from Mukden under today's date as follows:

"Supplementing my telegram of March 6, I most humbly report that at 10:25 p. m. five out of seven of the enemy's ships opened fire on Forts Suvaroff and Linevitch, on the town, on the roadstead and along the valley of the river Obyassanienye.

"Firing lasted until 2:15 p. m., at which hour the Japanese squadron began to steam to the southward, disappearing at 5:30 p. m. There were no losses on the batteries or fortifications. In the town one seaman was wounded and one woman was killed. According to information just received, the enemy's squadron again appeared in sight of the fortress at 8 o'clock this morning."

A later message from the viceroy says:

"The commandant at Vladivostok reports that yesterday's bombardment resulted in no serious damage to the port, and the fortress did not return the enemy's fire.

"Today at midday the enemy again entered Ussuri bay and approached to the point from which they bombarded the harbor on March 6. They left again, making for the open sea."

News Lacks Confirmation.

Yinkow, March 7.—An official dispatch here says the Japanese are again bombarding Vladivostok. This news lacks confirmation from other sources.

RUSSIANS IN BAD FIX.

Czar's Squadron Must Run Gauntlet Before Reaching Port.

London, March 7.—Up to a late hour tonight the Japanese legation here has received no official information regarding the bombardment of Vladivostok. It is believed at the legation that the Russian Vladivostok squadron is off Posselt bay, in which case it is shut out of Vladivostok.

It is pointed out that if this is true the Russian vessels are in a critical position, since they must run the gauntlet of the Japanese squadron off Vladivostok or the Japanese squadron off Port Arthur before reaching a Russian port.

CONSULS MAY NOT LAND.

Mukden and Antung Are Controlled by Russian Forces.

Washington, March 7.—China has granted the application of the state department for exequaturs for Messrs. Cheshire and Davidson, United States consuls at Mukden and Antung. Antung is reported to be garrisoned by a Russian force and Mukden is believed to be the Russian headquarters. In this situation the state department does not care to force the issue by insisting upon the reception of the consuls.

Jap Cruisers Reported Sunk.

London, March 7.—In a dispatch from the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Standard gives as a rumor that the czar has received a telegram to the effect that the Japanese fleet bombarded Vladivostok all day Monday. According to this rumor only trivial damage was inflicted to the Russians, but one or two Japanese cruisers were sunk.

Great Army in Manchuria.

Paris, March 7.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo De Paris says:

"By the 17th of March there will be 217,000 Russian troops in Manchuria. This information was given me by

by their friends for the safety of the Seattle colony.

The fact that Mr. Meserve and family thought it wise to seek the coast, when they would be under the protection of the American flag and fleet, shows how unsettled the conditions in that country are. Judge Struve was much relieved when he heard from Minister Allen yesterday, and the many friends of Mrs. Meserve, Miss Struve and Miss McCulsky will be glad to know that they are safe and well, and under protection during the time of war and trouble.

BACK FROM THE DEAD.

Brothers Meet in Tacoma After Being Fifty-two Years Apart.

Tacoma, March 7.—A thread of romance runs through the singular meeting of two brothers in Tacoma yesterday who had been separated for 52 years. J. P. Grant, watchman at elevator "B," who resides at 713 North Eleventh street, was surprised yesterday by his brother, Alexander Grant, of Fullerton, Neb., who walked in on him accompanied by a daughter, also a surprise to J. P., who had never dreamed of a niece. The visitors have resided in Nebraska for many years, but Mr. Grant has come west to grow up with the country. He is now 71 years of age.

"We had always supposed that Alexander was dead," said Mr. Grant last night. "During the Indian wars more than 30 years ago, a man by the name of Alexander Grant was killed in action, and as we never heard from brother we concluded that it was he who had fallen a victim of the redskins. You see, Alexander had been a soldier of the Union in the Civil war, and we knew that he would be on the ground in case any war was going on in his territory."

"A year ago he advertised for information concerning the whereabouts of his brothers and sisters, and a sister in the east saw the advertisement and communicated with him. It was from my sister that Alexander learned of my whereabouts, but neither of them ever told me by letter or other form of communication that they had discovered each other, so you can imagine my surprise when he walked in on me and established his relationship. He is an old soldier, receiving a pension from the government for his services in the Civil war, and besides this he is a man of independent means. With his niece he has come to Tacoma to reside. There has been a resurrection of the past at my home dating as far back as 52 years ago, when I was a babe in arms."

Rivers Rising.

Pittsburg, March 7.—From present indications the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers will again be at the flood stage tomorrow.

INFLUENCE IN POSTOFFICE AFFAIRS

Members of Congress, Some of Them, Think Report of Committee Gets Rather Personal in Spots.

Shameful Story of Fraud and Maladministration, So Mr. Cowherd Exclaims.

ALL DISCUSSION IS DEFERRED

Agreement Reached By Majority and Minority Whereby All Will Have a Fair Chance At It.

Washington, March 7.—Postal affairs engrossed the attention of the house today practically to the exclusion of all else. The subject was introduced by Overstreet, chairman of the committee on postoffices and post roads, who submitted a report from that committee on the Hay resolution calling for certain information regarding the use of "influence" by members of the house to secure increase in salary for postmasters.

Overstreet stated he had been directed by unanimous vote of the committee to recommend the Hay resolutions be tabled, as the information wanted an accompanying report.

Minority members urged that the debate and the vote on the resolution should be deferred as they had not had an opportunity to read the report, so an agreement was reached to postpone further action until Wednesday. Overstreet, in connection with the report, said in his opinion there was not a single instance of any reflection on the integrity of any member.

The postoffice appropriation bill was then taken up and Moon, of Tennessee, ranking as the minority member of the postoffice committee, arraigned the present system employed in the postoffice department and made an appeal for the general investigation of the affairs of the department.

Cowherd, of Missouri, also a member of the committee, followed with an analytical review of the charges made in the Bristow report, which he re-

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J. N. GRIFFIN